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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6829**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 308

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 30, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 26, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Telecommunications Providers of Last Resort.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Hershman

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill amends references to Federal Telecommunications Law made obsolete by amendments to the federal law. It repeals the statute that requires the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to determine, under certain circumstances, a successor local telephone exchange carrier for an area in which an exiting local exchange carrier ceases operations. It makes conforming amendments.

For purposes of the statute that allows the IURC to declare an emergency in an area in Indiana in which voice service is not offered by a communications service provider, it specifies that if the IURC authorizes a provider to offer voice service in the area, the IURC must permit the provider to offer the service through any available technology or medium determined by the provider. The bill provides that upon notice to the IURC by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) that is the provider of last resort (POLR) in one or more parts of the ILEC's service area, the ILEC is relieved of its obligation as the POLR in any part of the ILEC's service area in which there are at least two communications service providers (one of which may be the ILEC) offering certain voice telephony services specified in federal regulations.

It provides that after June 30, 2014, upon notice to the IURC by an ILEC that is the POLR in one or more parts of the ILEC's service area, the ILEC is relieved of its POLR obligation with respect to any part of its service area identified in its notice. It also specifies that relief from a POLR obligation does not affect an ILEC's obligations under federal law.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** IURC.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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